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LIGHTHOUSE FUNDRAISER INVOLVES ACTORS AND OLD FRIENDS ABOARD TALL SHIP



The legendary, 169-foot, three-masted, square-rigged ship H.M.S. BOUNTY will be in and out of Newport a couple of times in July for some private functions, public tours and for crew R&R. We're tickled pink, red, white and blue that she will be doing two benefits to help raise funds for the lighthouse between July 17 and 22.

Built in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia in 1960 by MGM Studios for the 1962 Marlon Brando/Trevor Howard version of *Mutiny on the Bounty*, the ship was acquired in 1986 by Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. (TBS). It was also used in Monty Python's *Yellowbeard* and TBS' remake of *Treasure Island* with Charlton Heston.

As for local characters, a great friend of the Rose Island Lighthouse Captain Joe Davis has been BOUNTY's skipper since last September. He was joined by his oldest son, Joe (Skip) Davis, III, this spring. Then in June another Newporter Tom (Skip) Kelly, Jr. came aboard as Mate.

We are tremendously grateful to Joe, everyone named Skip and the rest of BOUNTY's crew, to TBS, the Goat Island Marina and the Newport Yacht Club for their generosity, which makes the following fundraising events possible.

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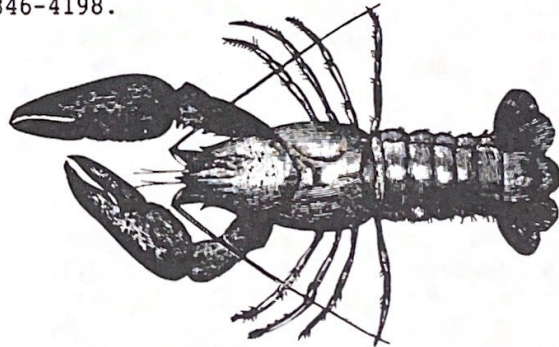


Star of sea and Hollywood screen, H.M.S. BOUNTY will be sailing into Newport for two lighthouse fundraising events.



What a difference some plaster makes! Top photos are of the keeper's quarters BEFORE and AFTER plaster. In the photo at left, a batch of plaster is being mixed by Bob Zeigler (l) and Tom Heald (r). As you can clearly see, Tom's a super smoothie as far as plastering goes!

Volunteers are sought to do the finish painting, plus odds-and-ends. Landscaping and work on the public toilets can't resume until after July 15, when the bird population will be better able to cope with our disruptive activities around the lighthouse grounds. To sign up, use the tear-off sheet when you send in your membership dues or call Curt Bunting at 846-4198.



So when IS the clambake? Our current members are the first to know.

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Roger Emmons of Lakeland, Florida made and donated the lens pictured above. When it is modified with a red shade, it will be placed in our tower and the Rose Island Lighthouse will be in working order again! Miracle of miracles!

Roger is a craftsman who models plexi-glass parts to repair all kinds of lenses. He built this one from scratch. We're very grateful to him and to Wayne Wheeler of the U.S. Lighthouse Society for pointing Roger in our direction.

Captain Bligh (center, played by Andrew Noble) doesn't look so terrible here, does he? In fact he gets along quite nicely with crew members Joe Stone (l) and Skip Davis (r). They and the rest of the crew are looking forward to welcoming aboard our lighthouse members, guests and friends.



Have you renewed your membership? Please don't let this be the last newsletter we send you. Coming events include our Annual Meeting, the lighthouse grand opening and our famous clambake. Don't miss out on the fun!

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Name: _____ Phone: _____
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Dues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992 are as follows (please mark one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 5 Student/Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Inspector | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250 Assistant Keeper * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 Associate Keeper * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family/Business | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Head Keeper * |

* As soon as renovations are complete, initiation for the "Keeper" membership categories will be a night for two at the lighthouse.

☐ Dues (marked above) are enclosed in the amount of \$ _____
☐ H.M.S. BOUNTY 7/17/91 Party Ticket Order: _____ Tickets x \$35 = \$ _____
☐ Additional contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

☐ I/we would like to volunteer to help, or wish to donate items for the museum as follows:

Please note: Membership dues and contributions paid to the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation are deductible within legal limits for U.S. Income Tax purposes. Please mail this form with your payment to: RILF, P.O. Box 1419, Newport, RI 02840 - THANK YOU!

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Dockside Party at Goat Island

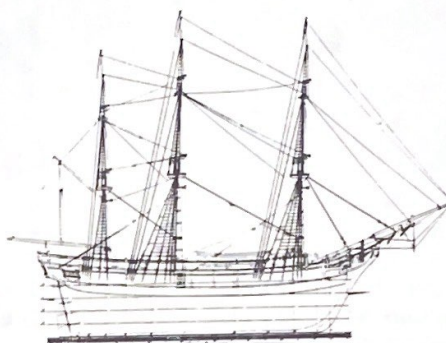
For a party to be remembered, BOUNTY will be dockside at the Goat Island Marina on Wednesday, July 17 from 6-8 PM, rain or shine. Members are invited to come in costume, if you like, and join Lt. Cdr. William Bligh and the rest of BOUNTY's costumed crew, who will entertain guests with true tales of the famous mutiny. It's an eye-opener for many people, since we're familiar only with the movie versions--the crew knows the story from the ship's log books!

Tickets are \$35 each, including hors d'oeuvres, tours of the vessel and musical entertainment. A cash bar will be set up on deck (or 'tween deck, depending on weather). Plenty of parking is available at Goat Island. Tickets are limited, so please make your reservations soon by calling Charlotte Johnson at 847-4454.

Public Tours at Newport Yacht Club

After a day trip to Providence, H.M.S. BOUNTY will return to Newport for public tours, with the Lighthouse Foundation sharing in the ticket proceeds.

From Friday, July 19 through Monday, July 22, H.M.S. BOUNTY will be tied up at the Newport Yacht Club, where she'll be open from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM each day. Tickets cost \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children under age 12. Please help the lighthouse by telling all your friends about it!



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